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## **Nevada Tax Return Preparer Indicted for Filing False Tax Returns**

A Las Vegas, Nevada return preparer was indicted today for filing false tax returns, announced Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General Stuart M. Goldberg of the Justice Department's Tax Division and Acting U.S. Attorney Steven W. Myhre for the District of Nevada.

According to the indictment, from 2010 through 2011, Ofelia Ronquillo prepared income tax returns through a business known as A.R. Financial LLC and later AJRC Tax Services, in Las Vegas. The indictment alleges that Ronquillo included false items on her clients' tax returns to include bogus charitable contributions, education expenses and unreimbursed employee expenses – such as mileage, meals and other transportation expenses, as well as claimed inflated refunds to which they were not entitled.

An indictment merely alleges that crimes have been committed. Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

If convicted, Ronquillo faces a statutory maximum sentence of three years in prison for each count, as well as a period of supervised release, restitution and monetary penalties.

Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General Goldberg and Acting U.S. Attorney Myhre commended special agents of Internal Revenue Service—Criminal Investigation, who conducted the investigation, and Trial Attorneys Thomas W. Flynn and Eric C. Schmale of the Tax Division, who are prosecuting the case.